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SUBJECT: US-PRC CULTURAL EXCHANGES

REF: A. STATE 83828; B. STATE 87446

1. WORLD AFFAIRS GROUP - PASCOE CALLED ON U.S. AFFAIRS  
OFFICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR CHAO CHI-HUA MORNING OF APRIL 18 TO  
CONVEY URGENT NEED FOR CHINESE RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE'S SUGGESTED DATE OF MID-JUNE FOR VISIT OF WORLD  
AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS DELEGATION. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE  
WE ATTACH TO GROUP, EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT OVER LONG DELAY  
ON THIS VISIT, AND TOLD CHAO THE NC NEEDS CHINESE RESPONSE  
IN A DAY OR TWO OR THE VISIT WILL HAVE TO BE DELAYED ONCE  
AGAIN. CHAO NOTED THE ISSUE OF PARTICIPANTS AND ASKED ABOUT  
THE PLANNED MAKEUP OF DELEGATION. WE RESPONDED WITH RELEVANT  
PORTIONS OF ROSEN LETTER OF MARCH 7 (STATE 53544). CHAO  
APPEARED TO BELIEVE THE MATTER COULD BE SETTLED AND HE  
PROMISED TO CHECK WITH THE CHINESE HOST ORGANIZATION THIS  
MORNING ON THE MID-JUNE DATE. HE THEN SAID THE MFA WOULD  
TELEGRAPH ITS REPLY TO PRCLO FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

2. TRACK AND FIELD TEAM. PASCOE INFORMED MFA HE WOULD

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BE TRAVELLING WITH THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM AND WOULD

ACCOMPANY IT INTO THE COUNTRY FROM HONG KONG. HE ALSO RELAYED INFORMATION ON DE JEIJER'S PLANS TO VISIT THE CANTON FAIR AND RE-ENTER WITH THE TEAM. CHAO INDICATED CHINESE WOULD TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THERE WAS NO SLIPUP ON DE KEIJZER'S RE-ENTRY.

3. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT THE NC ATTEMPT TO HOLD THE WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATION DELEGATION TOGETHER A FEW MORE DAYS TO GIVE THE CHINESE TIME TO REPLY. CHAO SEEMED SINCERELY INTERESTED IN TRYING TO SETTLE THIS LONG-STANDING PROBLEM AND WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE GIVEN A FEW DAYS TO TRY. HOLDRIDGE

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